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SUBJECT: OUTER SPACE STSC: FEB. 18 HIGHLIGHTS.

1. SUMMARY: AT FEBRUARY 18 SESSION, DEBATE ON REMOTE SENSING DATA DISSEMINATION CONTINUED, WITH USSR, GDR, ROMANIA AND INDIA ARGUING FOR RESTRICTIVE POLICY AGAINST WESTERN POSITION FAVORING OPEN APPROACH. SOVIETS OUTLINED THEIR CONCEPT OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND CHALLENGED US COMMITMENT TO INTERNATIONAL REMOTE SENSING. US DEL REBUTTED SOVIET CHARGES THROUGH IN-DEPTH COMPARISON OF US AND SOVIET APPROACHES. PARTICIPATING IN THE DEBATE WERE: AUSTRIA, GDR, INDIA, ITALY, JAPAN, KENYA, ROMANIA, UK, US, USSR AND CNRET. END SUMMARY.

2. AT OUTSET OF FEB. 18 SESSION, CANADA PROVIDED BRIEF STATUS REPORT ON REMOTE SENSING WG WHICH IS DEVELOPING WORKING PAPERS ON (A) ROLE OF UN IN PREOPERATIONAL PHASE OF REMOTE SENSING; (B) DEFINITION OF "DATA" AND "INFORMATION;" AND (C) DEFINITION OF "RESOLUTION."

2. MAJOR PORTION OF SESSION CONTINUED THE DEBATE BETWEEN WESTERN PROPONENTS OF OPEN DISSEMINATION AND ADVOCATES OF RESTRICTIVE POLICY ON DISSEMINATION OF DATA FROM REMOTE SENSING SATELLITES. AUSTRIA, ITALY AND JAPAN ADVOCATED UNCLASSIFIED

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WESTERN POSITION IN SUPPORT OF OPEN DISSEMINATION. JAPAN EMPHASIZED THAT OPEN APPROACH WAS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN PRE-OPERATIONAL PHASE, AND HIGHLIGHTED SUBSTANTIAL CONCRETE BENEFITS DERIVING FROM INTERNATIONAL UTILIZATION OF LANDSAT DATA.

3. CENTERPIECE OF DEBATE WAS BRISK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS

BETWEEN SOVIET AND US DELEGATIONS ON THEIR RESPECTIVE APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND DATA DISSEMINATION POLICY. FEDOROV SAID USSR FAVORS INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION, IS PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS UNDER UN AEGIS AND CALLED FOR UN SECRETARIAT STUDY ON ORGANIZATIONAL-FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTABLISHING UN PROGRAM; NOTED THAT USSR HAS OPERATIONAL REMOTE SENSING, TELEMETRY, AND PHOTOGRAPHY SYSTEMS OF WHICH THE LATTER IS MOST SUITABLE FOR ANALYSIS OF FIXED NON-RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES. BEYOND EXISTING AGREEMENTS WITH EE COUNTRIES, SOVIETS ARE WILLING TO NEGOTIATE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS WITH OTHER STATES AND ARRANGE JOINT ANALYSIS-PROCESSING OF PHOTOGRAPHIC DATA; REITERATED CASE FOR RESTRICTIONS INVOLVING PRIOR CONSENT REGIME FOR "LOCAL" DATA WITH 50 METER OR HIGHER RESOLUTION. WHILE SUPPORTING OPEN APPROACH FOR GLOBAL DATA -- E.G. OCEAN STUDIES, HEALTH AND METEOROLOGY. FEDOROV ASKED WHETHER US SUPPORTED INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OUTSIDE LANDSAT FRAMEWORK, AND IMPLIED THAT US WAS NOT PROVIDING STSC WITH FULL DISCLOSURE OF ITS REMOTE SENSING ACTIVITIES.

4. DOYLE STRONGLY REBUTTED SOVIET CHARGES. AFTER REFERRING TO PARA 33-35 OF 1976 STSC REPORT ON LANDSAT AND OUTLINING PLANS FOR LANDSAT C AND LANDSAT D, HE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMPARATIVE POINTS WITH SOVIET APPROACH. LANDSAT OPERATES WITH REGIONAL CENTERS WHICH PROVIDE CONTINUOUS, REAL TIME DATA FROM THOSE REGIONAL CENTERS TO USERS IN THOSE AREAS, US ITSELF MUST SEEK SUCH DATA FROM THOSE CENTERS, DATA IS AVAILABLE ON UNRESTRICTED NON-DISCRIMINATORY UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIS TO ALL USERS; NO COMPLAINT HAS YET BEEN MADE TO USG BY ANY DEVELOPED COUNTRY OR LDC RE ADVERSE ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES; US IS READY TO CONSIDER ANY SENSIBLE ARGUMENTS FOR RESTRICTIVE APPROACH. RE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION DOYLE CITED NASA MANDATE IN US LAW AND OUTER SPACE TREATY COMMITTING US TO ACHIEVE INTERNATIONAL ROLE, AND REVIEWED OUR INITIATIVES IN INTELSAT AND COMSAT, GARP, WMO, AS WELL AS NUMEROUS BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. SAID IT WAS DEEPLY DISTURBING THAT US ROLE IN INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION COULD BE DOUBTED AND CHALLENGED.

5. ROMANIA (MANDESCU) MADE MAJOR NEW STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF RESTRICTIVE APPROACH TO DATA DISSEMINATION. AFTER NOTING THAT CRITERIA FOR RESTRICTING DISSEMINATION NEEDED CAREFUL STUDY AND THAT CONCEPTS SUCH AS "RESOLUTION STILL NEEDED DEFINITION, MANDESCU OFFERED FOLLOWING PROPOSAL: DATA OBTAINED AT "X" METER RESOLUTION ("X" TO BE AGREED UPON BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY/OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE) SHOULD BE DISSEMINATED AS FOLLOWS: (A) DATA PERTAINING TO

ONE STATE ONLY TO NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF THAT STATE;
(B) DATA PERTAINING TO TWO OR MORE STATES (BORDERS, ETC.)
ONLY TO THOSE STATES; (C) DATA PERTAINING TO OCEANS ON UN-
RESTRICTED BASIS.

6. MANY DELEGATIONS ENCOURAGED FURTHER STUDIES, BUILDING
ON (A/AC.105/154) REGARDING POSSIBLE COMPONENTS OF UN
COORDINATING ROLE IN REMOTE SENSING. BROAD SUPPORT WAS
EXPRESSED FOR UN-OPERATED INTERNATIONAL CENTER WHICH
COULD PERHAPS PERFORM SEVERAL ROLES, E.G. INFORMATION EX-
CHANGE, CATALOGUING SPACE APPLICATIONS AND TRAINING FOR
LDCS. US SAID UN SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL CEN-
TERS WAS HIGHLY CONSTRUCTIVE, PROVIDED IMPLEMENTATION RE-
MAINED WITHIN LIMITS OF EXISTING BUDGETARY RESOURCES AND
AVOIDED UNNECESSARY DUPLICATION. RECOMMENDED SECRETARIAT
CONDUCT COST BENEFIT STUDIES OF ALTERNATIVES RE REGIONAL
CENTERS BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISION IS MADE.
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7. INDIA SUGGESTED THAT STSC AUTHORIZE SECRETARIAT TO
COMMISSION A STUDY OUTLINING NATURAL RESOURCE PROBLEMS
SUSCEPTIBLE TO REMOTE SENSING AND ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANT
RESOLUTION REQUIREMENTS. THIS TECHNICAL/SCIENTIFIC STUDY
COULD FACILITATE WORK OF LSC IN DEVELOPING PRINCIPLES RE
DATA DISSEMINATION.

8. UK DEL ALSO CALLED FOR STUDY ALONG SIMILAR LINES,
HOWEVER, UK SAID SUCH STUDY PROBABLY COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED
WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT AND NEED NOT INVOLVE FURTHER FI-
NANCING OR AUTHORIZATIONS OF FUNDS.

9. WORKING GROUP ON REMOTE SENSING SCHEDULED TO MEET
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